

What are an agency's public interest disclosure obligations?

Chief executive officers of public sector entities have obligations under the [Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010](#) to ensure that:

- public officers of the entity who make Public Interest Disclosures (PIDs) are given appropriate support
- public officers are offered protection from reprisals
- the entity has a management program for PIDs, in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosure standards
- PIDs made to the entity are properly assessed and investigated
- appropriate action is taken in relation to any wrongdoing that is the subject of a PID.

As the oversight entity under the Public Interest Disclosure Act, the Office of the Queensland Ombudsman has made standards about the way in which agencies are to deal with PIDs.

The following information and advice will assist entities to ensure they meet their obligations under the Public Interest Disclosure Act and the Public Interest Disclosure standards.

Implement a public interest disclosure management program

Outlines the elements of a PID management program in PID Standard No. 1/2019.

Assess, investigate and deal with public interest disclosures

Guidance on managing PIDs in accordance with PID Standard No. 2/2019.

How to evaluate your public interest disclosure procedure

A checklist for assessing public interest disclosure procedures.

Record and report public interest disclosures

How to meet record-keeping requirements in PID Standard No. 3/2019.